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Testimony Of  
Laila A. Mandour, President  
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Before The Committee On Government Administration and Elections  
In Support of House Bill 6492  
An Act Concerning the Confidentiality of Employees  
Supplying Information to the Auditors of Public Accounts

Good morning, Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and members of the Committee. My name is Laila Mandour and I am the president of the Administrative and Residual Employees Union, also known as A&R. A&R is comprised of approximately 3000 state employees including accountants, tax collectors and fiscal employees. We have several hundred members who work the Department of Revenue Services. I appear before you today to testify in support of House Bill 6492, An Act Concerning the Confidentiality of Employees Supplying Information to the Auditors of Public Accounts. Just briefly, I would like to say that this bill makes sense. It protects employees who do not chose to become a whistleblower as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-61dd, but rather it allows a state employee to answer the auditors' questions honestly, even where the answers may be harmful to the subject agency. Thank you.

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